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NASHVILLE MAN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORN

Suspect worked in a school and planned to become summer camp counselor

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents arrested a man here for possessing child pornography following the execution of a federal search warrant Wednesday at his residence.

Johnnie Crite, 22, provided information detailing his child pornography activities and transmissions during his interview and written statement. At the time of his arrest, Crite was employed at an after-school program for Jack Anderson Elementary School in Gallatin, Tenn., and planned to be a summer camp counselor in up-state New York this summer. The suspect was arrested at the conclusion of the search warrant, in part because of his current access to children.

ICE agents seized numerous items during the search, including: three computers, related storage media and documents. ICE computer forensics experts will search the computer memories for further evidence of child pornography. Any uncovered child pornography evidence will be presented to the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution.

"We're using the tools of the child predators and child pornographers against them," said Michael A. Holt, ICE New Orleans special agent-in-charge. "The child pornography data that's stored on computers ultimately leads us to find and arrest others whose actions harm children. ICE will continue to work with U.S. Attorneys and local police departments to hold accountable those who prey on the most vulnerable in our society."

This arrest is part of ICE's Operation Predator, a comprehensive national initiative to protect children. Operation Predator targets human traffickers, international sex tourists, Internet pornographers and foreign national predators whose crimes make them deportable. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 5,500 individuals nationwide, and deported more than 2,100 foreign nationals. In Tennessee, 50 arrests have been made under Operation Predator thus far.

Additional information about Operation Predator is available on the web at www.ice.gov. ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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